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for the construction of a sub centre to provide medical treatment to the Jarawas near to their habitat so that this Jarawas do not visit Kadamtala area so frequently and also to avoid cross infection from the community.

The team on the way back from Spike Island visited at PHC Kadamtala again to have a discussion with Dr. R. C. Kar, CMO, I/c responsible for health care to Jarawas. He is advised not to bring and admit many Jarawas who do not have any major illness and rather they can be treated at their habitat by visit, otherwise the Jarawas may get many diseases from the general population as community acquired infection. The Jarawa child aged about 1 year died at PHC Kadamtala on 16/8/2001 was brought to hospital in a precarious condition and the child could not be revived inspite of best efforts. In the PHC, one Jarawa lady on her 6th postpartum day was examined by Gynaecologist and her new born child is also doing well. Another significant findings is mild to moderate anaemia was found in the Jarawa children and in some cases hepato splenomegaly which have to be investigated in due course by a separate team of specialist doctors.

The team left Kadamtala on 23/8/2001 for Port Blair at 7.30 AM. On the way, the sub-centre to be come up for Jarawas at Middle Street, also inspected by the team and found to be suitable for giving out patient treatment from this sub-centre.

It is suggested by the team that PHC like structure for Jarawas may come up at Potatang and 3 sub-centres namely Tirur, Spike Island and Middle Street besides one Mobile Hospital for Jarawas has to be made operational in the overall interest of the health care of Jarawa tribe.

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